Sixty-Third Annual Report

Year ending April 30th, 1914.

The

Young Men's Christian Association

of the City of Montreal

Organized 1851 Incorporated 1872

BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

DRUMMOND ST.	—127 Drummond Street.
NORTH	—Park Avenue and St. Viateur.
WESTMOUNT	—Sherbrooke and Arlington.
EAST END	—1333 Papineau Ave.
RAILROAD	—Leber and Sebastopol, Pt. St. Charles.
RAILROAD	—St. Lambert.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION — McGill University.
(In Affiliation)

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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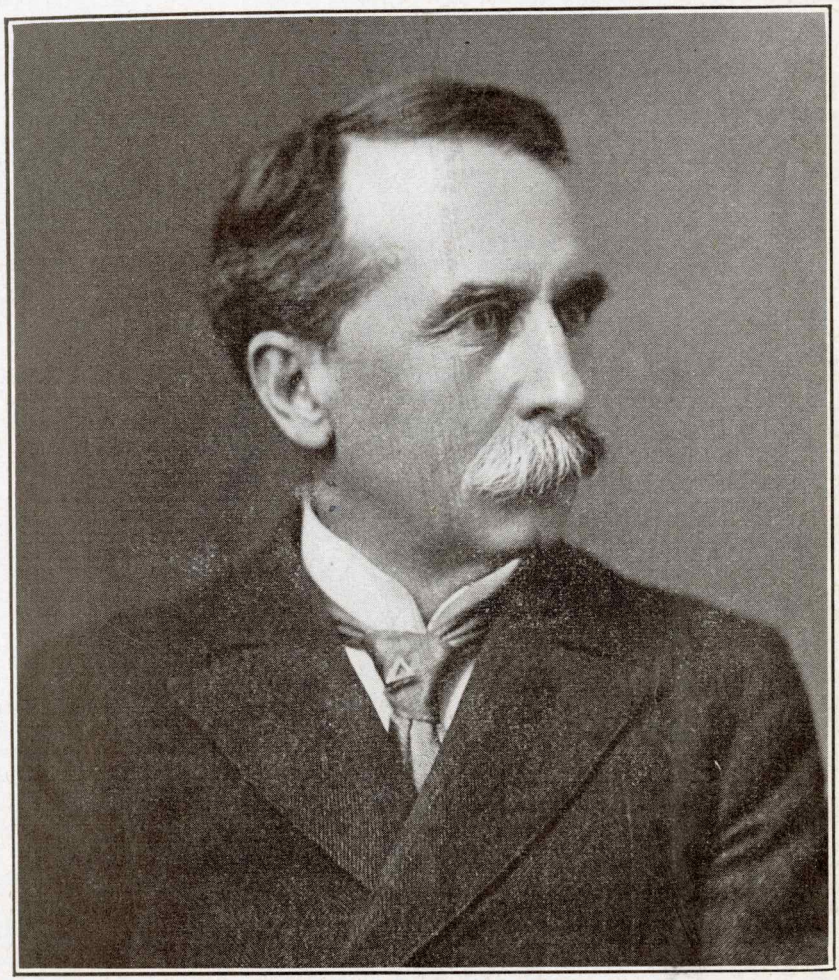

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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Asssociation, May 21st, 1914.

AS we come to the close of another year we are profoundly grateful to God for what has been accomplished, and for many evidences of His help. The year has been one of steady growth in our Branches and of reaching out after new opportunities.

We are glad to report that the Association is now established at seven different points in the city and district, and that, in addition, a far-reaching and highly efficient plan of work outside of the Buildings is in operation, under capable leadership. This advance over last year is due to the establishment of a Branch in the east end of the city and the commencement of work for railroad men at St. Lambert.

As our Branches have already held their Annual Meetings, at which reports of their activities have been presented, this report will seek to present those general aspects of the work for which the Board itself is responsible. Each of our Branches is in charge of a Board of Management elected from members of the Branch, who are immediately responsible for the local work. By means of monthly reports and by visitation the Directors have kept informed of their progress. Your Directors are glad to bear testimony to the efficient organization of our Branches and the growing strength and experience of our Boards of Management. We have great reason to be thankful for the raising up of new officers and committeemen who are so capable of carrying on this expanding work.

That further extension will be necessary if we are to meet the rapid growth of the city, it is impossible to doubt. It is essential, however, that what has been so well begun should be

conserved and brought to the highest point of efficiency. Our greatly enlarged membership places a responsibility upon us for intensive development at each point, and for the individual consideration of our members in order that the highest results may be secured.

The membership of the Association has now reached the encouraging total of 5,383, made up as follows:

	Men.	Boys.
Central	2,559	554
North	631	284
Westmount	348	285
Point St. Charles	340	120
East End	91	58
Subscribing Members	71	
Life Members	42	
	4,082	1,301

Last Year's Recommendations.—At the Annual Meeting last year several important recommendations were made for the coming year, and we are glad to say that each of these has received attention and progress made. Two may be mentioned here:

1. The Library at the Central Building has received in special gifts and expended the sum of $400.00 for new books. The utmost use has been made of the funds available. The Library is in better physical condition and under better administration than ever before. It is rendering a unique service to our membership and particularly to the thoughtful, ambitious class of young men in our midst.

We suggest with great earnestness to our friends the propriety and usefulnes of special contributions towards the enlargement of the Library from the present 3,000 volumes to at least 10,000 volumes at the earliest possible time.

2. The needs of the foreign speaking young men of our city have also received careful consideration by a special committee. At our request Mr. W. W. Lee, Immigration Secretary at Quebec, spent several weeks in the city this winter making a careful study of the numbers, location, social, religious and economic conditions of this large group in our midst. His report has been referred to the Executive and Community Committees for final recommendations, and will be acted on at an early date.

Point St. Charles Railroad Building.—For several years your Directors have hoped that the work of this Branch might

be transferred from the present building to a new site, which would not only continue to serve the railroad men of that community but reach a larger number of the young men and boys of Point St. Charles. The matter was gone into carefully last fall but we are not yet able to report progress.

Establishment of East End Branch.—For many years your Directors have had before them the needs of young men in the East End of the city—particularly the district adjoining Papineau and Delorimier Avenues, from Notre Dame Street north to the C. P. R. tracks.

A careful canvass of this district was made in 1912 by an energetic committee of young men in the East End, with the cordial support of their pastors, to ascertain the possible membership there.

After most careful consideration a vacant site was purchased in May on Papineau Avenue, facing Lafontaine Park, a little north of Sherbrooke Street.

Pending the erection of a building, steps were taken to organize a representative Committee of Management and to formulate plans of work which might be carried on meanwhile. Rented rooms were secured on November 1st, at 1333 Papineau Avenue. With the assistance of the members, these were fitted up and furnished as a Social and Reading Room Centre, providing a headquarters for the activities of the Branch. The use of the Wm. Dawson School was kindly granted by the Protestant Board of School Commissioners for gymnasium clases and games. Up to date 149 members have enrolled and a very encouraging start made.

Railroad Work at St. Lambert.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company have recently opened a large new freight yard and terminal on their main line east of St. Lambert, which will transfer a large number of trainmen to that point. At the request of the officials of the company we are establishing a Railroad Branch there. A frame building has been altered and equipped by the company and an appropriation granted, which has made possible a commencement with Mr. N. W. Parker as Secretary. We trust that next year we may be able to present a full report of successful operations.

Summer Camps.—Our two attractive Summer Camps reported successful seasons. The Men's Camp as Lake St. Joseph, in charge of Mr. H. C. Patterson, was open from July 5th to September 2nd, with 160 men out. The Boys' Camp

at Lake Kanawana was open for July and August with 162 boys, apart from visitors, in charge of Messrs. D. J. Evans, Harold Cross, and H. A. Lordly for successive portions of the season. The opportunity for healthful recreation and character building which these Camps afford cannot be overestimated.

Highgate Conference.—One of the most inspiring and helpful features of the year's work was the second Conference at Highgate Springs, Vermont, when about one hundred of our members met over Victoria Day for conference about the Religious Work of the Association. Each Branch was well represented, and helpful suggestions gathered for the conduct of the year's work. This conference will re-assemble again this year, on May 23rd, at the same place.

Work in Foreign Lands.—For several years we have had our representative abroad in the person of Mr. C. S. Paterson, Secretary for Boys' Work in Calcutta, India. We were pleased to have him home on furlough for several months last year, and to learn from his own lips of his work in the East. Our members and friends have raised a fund each year for the support of his work, and we are glad to note that the North Branch has united with the Central Branch in this undertaking. During the year $1,450.00 was remitted for this object. We trust that all the Branches will soon have a share in this unselfish task.

Joint Current Expense Fund.—After ascertaining the subscription needs of the various Branches, the Finance Committee, following the plan adopted two years ago, invited representatives of the Branches to form a Joint Committee and conduct a canvass for the required amount.

This was carried out during the last two weeks of October, particularly October 23-24 and October 31. The total amount of $20,819.50 was realized at that time. This effort was followed up by faithful work on the part of various committees, with the result that $28,293.16 has been received from this source, thus enabling the various Finance Committees to present a clean balance sheet at this meeting.

We are greatly indebted to the generosity and public spirit of many of our members and subscribers who, by their gifts and in many cases by their active co-operation, have made this result possible.

Community Committee.—It is impossible in the brief space of this report to fully describe the highly useful work of this committee, under the direction of Mr. Bradford. His services have been so varied and in such constant demand that he has rendered help at a great many points outside of his regular programme. This, however, has comprised the work of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools last summer; the evening use of the William Lunn School during the winter; Boys' Club work in the city at large; the promotion of classes in English for foreign speaking young men; co-operation with other agencies, *e.g.*, Sunday School Union, Young Women's Christian Association, Montreal Boys' Club, University Settlement, etc.; the training of leaders for Bible Class work, and lectures and talks on the general programme of Social Service.

Staff.—In May last Mr. David Thomson, Secretary of the Railroad Branch at Point St. Charles, resigned to accept the Secretaryship of the Railroad Association at Kenora, Ontario. His place was filled by Mr. J. R. Mercer, of Allandale, Ontario, a former Assistant at Point St. Charles.

Mr. J. G. McKay, Secretary of the Westmount Branch, resigned in May last to enter business, and his place was filled by Mr. J. Morley Carson, formerly Secretary of the Association at Quebec.

On June 1st, Mr. C. K. Calhoun entered upon his duties as General Secretary of the Association. Since that date Mr. D. A. Budge, our General Secretary for so many years, has acted as Consulting Secretary of the Association.

Mr. John Bradford, of Amherst, N.S., entered upon his duties as Community Secretary, on July 4th last, bringing to our Association his unique experience in varied forms of extension work.

On April 1st, Mr. W. J. Green, Secretary of our Central Branch, tendered his resignation. His place has not yet been filled.

The Association has suffered a great loss this year in the death of our beloved Treasurer, the late Mr. L. H. Packard. For many years he faithfully served the Association, and, through it, the city of his adoption. His place is hard to fill. We trust that his example and the memory of his achievements will stimulate us all to greater zeal and more unselfish service for Jesus Christ.

In closing this report, the Directors would point out for the information of our members and friends that there is a mortgage of $60,000.00 on the Association Buildings, and a

floating indebtedness of $18,000.00 yet to be discharged, on account of the furnishings, which amount it was not possible to include at the time of the Building Campaign. We are also carrying a mortgage on the East End site. It is hoped that friends of the Association will bear these needs in mind and that funds may soon be forthcoming to discharge these obligations.

The Directors wish to express the thanks of the Association to all who have in any way assisted in the work during the past year. Our thanks are specially due to the members of our Ladies' Committees, to the city ministers for many acts of service, and to the daily press who are always so willing to aid the Association in its endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. ROSS, *President,*

C. K. CALHOUN, *General Secretary.*

Metropolitan Board

Receipts and Expenditures, May 1st, 1913, to April 30th, 1914.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, May 1st, 1913	$ 14 02	
Subscriptions	680 00	
" Joint Canvass	14,000 00	
Canadian National Council—account office expenses	240 00	
		$14,934 02

Expenditures.

Salaries		$10,723 18	
Community Extension Expense		532 33	
Printing, Stationery and Postage		688 16	
Travelling Expense		76 89	
Telephone Service		85 00	
Sundry Expense		171 19	
Legal Expenses		35 00	
East Branch:			
Furnishings	$490 49		
Expense	131 30		
Taxes	107 22		
Interest on Lot	630 00		
		1,359 01	
Interest:			
Railroad Branch	$513 75		
Building Fund	683 03		
		1,196 78	
			14,867 54
Balance on hand			$66 48

Audited and certified correct,

P. S. Ross & Sons,
Chartered Accountants.

CENTRAL BRANCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For year ending 30th April, 1914.

Receipts.

Membership Fees:		
Men	$15,017 27	
Boys	1,941 15	
Educational Fees	7,444 95	
Educational Sundries	417 46	
Library, Special Subscriptions and Sundries	530 90	
Religious Meetings	233 79	
Social Meetings	118 20	
Physical Sundries	2,862 41	
Bowling and Billiards	3,985 40	
Rentals	37,217 93	
Sundry Receipts	643 11	
Business Features—net	2,483 07	
Subscriptions—Joint Fund	5,751 31	
		$78,646 95

Expenditure.

Administration	$18,884 59	
House	19,174 97	
Educational	11,276 80	
Library	1,491 56	
Physical	11,683 93	
Boys' Department	5,445 19	
Employment	1,284 45	
Religious Meetings	984 77	
Social	377 63	
Dormitories	5,601 90	
Bowling and Billiards	2,441 16	
		78,646 95

Audited and certified correct,

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Chartered Accountants.

Montreal, 18th May, 1914.

NORTH BRANCH

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures on Current Account for year ending 30th April, 1914.

Receipts.

Balance on hand 1st May	$ 6 88	
Fees	5,768 77	
Lockers	303 65	
Educational Class Fees	233 50	
Physical and Basket Ball	248 12	
Billiards	664 66	
Bowling	860 42	
Towels and Soap	232 90	
Social	21 49	
Religious and Relief	36 75	
Rent of Halls and Rooms	19 50	
Rent of Dormitories	3,874 65	
Subscriptions	30 50	
Subscriptions—Joint Fund	1,800 00	
Lunch Room	468 45	
Foreign Work	270 95	
Interest	15 05	
Boys' Department	163 50	
Sundries	71 48	
		$15,091 42

Expenditures.

Library and Reading Room	$ 84 23	
Social	80 17	
Physical and Basket Ball	309 32	
Educational	199 85	
Religious and Relief	153 98	
Junior	513 16	
Billiards	107 85	
Bowling	600 75	
Lunch Room	475 91	
Stationery and Office Supplies	78 60	
Printing	230 58	
General Supplies	153 07	
Postage	154 53	
Telephones	165 66	
Salaries	5,111 04	
Interest	643 51	
Towels and Soap	215 11	
Sundries	365 72	
Repairs and Furnishings	538 65	
Light	525 61	
Heat	959 70	
Water	258 80	
Insurance	247 35	
Taxes	43 10	
Wages	1,538 35	
Dormitories (Laundyr, Wages, etc)	869 03	
Foreign Work	270 48	
Travelling	179 40	
		$15,073 51
Surplus to date		17 91
		$15,091 42

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Chartered Accountants.

WESTMOUNT BRANCH

Financial Statement for year ending April 30th, 1914.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$ 10 74		
Membership Fees:			
Men	2,975 00		
Boys	1,009 00		7500,
Lockers	281 50		
Subscriptions:			
Joint Fund	3,019 07		
Joint Fund—Special	850 93		7500.
Rentals:			
Rooms	4,110 66		6000,
Halls	13 00		
Boys' Department	1 60		
Educational	14 35		
Physical	68 10		
Social	20 85		
Boys' Suppers	144 50		
Billiards	329 33		
Bowling	390 40		
Cafe	3,422 68		
Sundries	110 93		
		$16,772 64	

Expenditure.

Salaries	$ 3,776 36		9100.
Wages	3,272 26		6460.
Taxes	62 60		
Books and Periodicals	96 82		
Stationery and Office Supplies	172 50		
Postage	103 29		
Printing	168 13		
Advertising	105 21		
Repairs	857 21		
Furnishings	407 20		
Fuel	1,051 59		
Light	529 15		
Water	116 33		
Telephone	79 48		
Audit	50 00		
Interest	641 16		
Insurance	200 28		
Moving and Travelling Expenses	131 20		
Administration	31 48		
Physical Department	222 12		
Religious Department	12 50		
Social Department	68 50		
Boys' Department	122 58		
House Department	399 59		
Cafe	2,612 46		
Dormitories	172 90		
National Council	50 00		
Sundries	104 42		
Lockers	$890 21		
Sodding	263 30		
		1,153 51	
Balance on hand		1 81	
			$16,772 64

RAILROAD BRANCH

Revenue and Expenditure for year ended 30th April, 1914.

Revenue.

Membership Fees	$1,239 35	
Locker Rentals	71 50	
Educational Fees	133 25	
Room Rents	1,819 40	
Subscriptions	1,975 00	
Bowling Revenue	299 52	
Billiards and Pool Revenue	795 06	
Subscriptions—Joint Fund	750 00	
Sundry Revenue	57 10	
		$7,140 18

Expenditure.

Insurance	$ 35 00	
Salaries and Administration	2,218 40	
Educational	256 11	
Library	173 88	
Social	169 44	
Physical	1,342 60	
Religious	82 36	
International Expenses	75 00	
Light	535 23	
Billiards and Pool	281 01	
Bowling	279 51	
Interest and Taxes	391 50	
Telephone	57 55	
Water	206 29	
Rooms, Expense	989 06	
		7,092 94
Surplus on Operations for year		$47 24

Audited and certified correct,
P. S. Ross & Sons,
Chartered Accountants.

Montreal, 14th May, 1914.

EAST END BRANCH

Financial Statement for six months ending April 30th, 1914.

Receipts.

Members' Fees	$ 280 80	
Subscription	5 00	
Subscriptions—Joint Fund	280 80	
Special—Account Furnishings	109 82	
		$ 676 42

Expenses.

Rent	$ 240 00	
Caretaker	110 00	
Fuel	54 15	
Printing	20 90	
Postage and Stationery	5 65	
Water Tax	7 20	
Reading Room Supplies	31 83	
Physical Work	31 30	
Religious Meetings	10 80	
Social Work	27 95	
Repairs and Alterations	113 71	
		$ 653 49
Balance on hand		22 93
		$676 42